

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following text at page 1, line 1 after the title:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a National Phase application of PCT/GB03/04114 filed on September 25, 2003 and published in English, which claims priority from Spanish Application No. P200202264 filed on October 3, 2002 and Spanish Application No. P200300915 filed on April 16, 2003, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following text at page 4, line 5:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following text at page 4, line 20:

Figure 9 shows the connection architecture for xDSL networks with the metallic access established in the vertical distribution frame.

Figure 10 shows a schematic perspective representation of a connecting block adapted to the corresponding distribution strip.

Figure 11 also shows a perspective view of a detail of one of the connecting boards included in the cartridge of the previous figure.

Figure 12 shows another schematic, perspective representation and another solution for the metallic access cartridge, adapted for another type of distribution block.

Figure 13 shows, according to a similar representation to that of figure 4, another

embodiment for the metallic access cartridge, corresponding to another type of distribution strip, and, as in the above case appears with its housing open and partially sectioned.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EMBODIMENTS OF THE PRESENT INVENTION

Please delete the paragraphs on page 7, beginning at line 12 through line 25 as follows:

~~Preferred embodiments of these further improvements will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein~~

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Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

ABSTRACT

METALLIC TEST ACCESS FOR xDSL CONNECTORS

A metal port block is used on an intermediate distributor or vertical terminal block in a connection ~~Connection~~ architecture ~~which makes it possible~~ to obtain a metal contact of the combined voice and data signals, which can subsequently be monitored by a test rack, without needing to disconnect or reconnect any bridge or cable, ~~for which purpose on the terminal block itself of the intermediate distributor, or of the vertical distribution frame, there is a metal port block. Further improvements consist of establishing the metallic~~ The access to the intermediate distribution frame can be established [(7)] by a connecting block [(16)] with which a plurality of boards [(16')] are associated[.]. The boards are vertically arranged in an array[.], and each one of which incorporates its relays or associated electronics[.], to extract and supply information to a test table, ~~each~~. Each board (16') ~~having~~ has pins [(19)] to couple with the cavities of the distribution frame.

{Fig. 6}